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## **PSC Sets April 7 Public Meeting on Forward Wind Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) encourages citizens in the area to attend a public meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> in Brownsville to provide comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement recently issued on the proposed Forward Wind Energy Center.

On March 8, the PSC issued a draft environmental impact statement on Forward's proposal to construct a 200 megawatt wind electric generation facility in the Brownsville area in Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties. The project would include 133 wind turbines installed within a project area of 32,400 acres.

The draft environmental impact statement looks at the impact of the construction and operation of the wind project on the site area, the farmland, surrounding roads and highways, noise levels and on wildlife, especially bird and bat populations in the area. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) worked closely with the PSC staff to prepare the wildlife impact sections of the document.

The upcoming meeting will be held in an open house format to provide an opportunity for anyone with comments or questions about the draft Environmental Impact Statement to talk directly to PSC and DNR staff experts. Two sessions of the public meeting are scheduled:

Thursday, April 7, 2005  
1:30 and 6:00 p.m.  
Brownsville Community Club  
871 Main Street  
Brownsville, Wisconsin

In addition, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments on the draft environmental impact statement. Comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement must be received by April 22, 2005. They will be considered as the final Environmental Impact Statement is prepared. Correspondence on the draft environmental impact statement should refer to the docket number 9300-CE-100, and should be directed to Jim Lepinski, Docket Coordinator, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854, or emailed to [Jim.Lepinski@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:Jim.Lepinski@psc.state.wi.us).

After the final Environmental Impact Statement is issued, the PSC will announce the date and times of the public hearing in the project area. Oral and written testimony on the project will be accepted at the hearing. The Commission decision on the merits of this project will be based on the record, including testimony from the public hearings. Forward must have PSC approval before it can construct the wind farm. The facility may also require other state and local permits.

The executive summary and the draft environmental impact statement are available on the PSC website at <http://psc.wi.gov/electric/cases/9300ce100/ind-forwardWind.htm> for viewing or downloading. Requests for hard copies should be directed to the docket coordinator listed above.

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